

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 27, 2006**

The State Board of Education met for its regular meeting in Room 12 of the Legislative Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee, at 8:30 a.m. CDT, on January 27, 2006.

Present..... 10	Absent.....1
Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair	Mr. Flavius Barker
Mr. Jim Ayers	
Ms. Carolyn Pearre	
Mr. Richard Ray	
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers	
Dr. Valerie Rutledge	
Ms. Sharon Thompson	
Dr. Melvin Wright	
Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio	
Mr. Matthew Fillmore, Student Member	

Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the audience.

He then introduced and welcomed the new student member of the State Board, **Mr. Matthew Fillmore**.

Chairman Rolston stated that **Item IV.B.** was being removed from the agenda until a later date.

I. Consent Items

- A. Adoption of Agenda**
- B. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2005, and December 2, 2005**

ACTION: **Dr. Rutledge** moved acceptance. **Mr. Ray** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Report Items

- A. Tennessee's 2005 Blue Ribbon Schools**

Dr. Julie McCargar, Department of Education, presented four Tennessee schools recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as Blue Ribbon Schools. The U.S. Department of Education annually recognizes schools that demonstrate outstanding student achievement with this prestigious award.

Blue Ribbon Schools must be first nominated by the chief state school officer as eligible. Based on state data, the CSSO certifies that the nominated schools meet one of two criteria.

The new Blue Ribbon Schools that drew at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds and showed dramatic improvement in test scores to high levels in at least the past three years in reading (language arts or English) and mathematics were:

Morristown High East,
Hamblen County Schools,
Gary Johnson, Principal
One Hurricane Lane
Morristown TN 37813

Delano Elementary School,
Memphis City Schools,
Patrice Shipp, Principal
1716 Delano Rd
Memphis TN 38127

Dyersburg High School,
Dyersburg City Schools,
Sam Miles, Principal
125 Highway 51 By- Pass West
Dyersburg TN 38024

Chairman Rolston stated that there is nothing that the Board enjoys more than recognizing excellence. He asked the administrators at the Blue Ribbon schools to share with other schools what is successful because good practices must be replicated.

B. Joint Annual Report

A summary of the annual joint report was presented to the Board by **Mr. Art Fuller**, State Board of Education, outlining the state of Pre-Kindergarten through Higher Education. The summary emphasized mathematics curriculum alignment, benchmarks for college success, and the current number of National Board of Professional Teaching Standards teachers in Tennessee.

Dr. Wright asked why there is a discrepancy in National Board certification between States.

Mr. Fuller responded that Tennessee has no incentives for teachers to attain National Board certification.

Dr. Wright stated that we need to do better in this area.

III. Action Items (First Reading)

A. *TCAP-Alt: Alternative Performance Indicators and Revised Scoring Rubrics*

Ms. Melinda Tuttle, Department of Education, explained the revised rubrics used in assessing students with the most significant cognitive disabilities as required by federal guidelines in *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) and the IDEA as being greater emphasis on academics, requirements for grade level clusters and direct instruction linked to the general curriculum.

Vice Chair Pearre asked how these are used.

Ms. Tuttle responded that

- teachers are required to document at least three content standards in each area
- all student progress must be graphed
- students must have choices related to academic instruction
- students must have peer interaction with non-disabled peers
- students must have natural support that is available to any other student
- students must have access to inclusive settings

Commissioner Seivers stated that at every grade level students with disabilities made more progress than non-disabled students.

Chairman Rolston asked for a one page explanation on how these indicators and rubrics are used for second reading.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Ray** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Trade & Industrial Education: Audio Technology, Automotive Technology and Collision Repair*

Ms. Lynne Cohen, Department of Education, presented the revised standards for automotive technology and collision repair and audio technology.

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved acceptance on first reading. **Dr. Rutledge** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Rule Changes for Curriculum Standards: Business Technology Education and Trade & Industrial Education*

Ms. Cohen presented the alignment of Rules and Regulations with new standards for Computer Operating Systems and Hardware.

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved acceptance on first reading. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. *Master Plan for Tennessee Schools – Fiscal Year 2007*

Chairman Rolston explained that the Master Plan is the strategic plan for K-12 education and that since 1984 this Plan has been updated annually to reflect the priorities of K-12 education.

He stated that this year we do not list early childhood as a high priority item because Governor Bredesen's program is moving forward significantly in this area.

Chairman Rolston stated that the Board is committed to aligning the accountability policies with national standards.

ACTION: **Dr. Rutledge** moved acceptance on first reading. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. *Tennessee Teacher Licensure Standards: School Counselors*

Dr. Mary Jo Howland, State Board of Education, presented the revised licensure standards for school counselors. Howland explained the standards were revised to meet the recently approved the new curriculum standards for professional school counseling programs. One modification to these standards is the provision to eliminate student teaching for counselors with school experience who wish to become teachers. Other changes were made to align the standards with recent revised licensure rules.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance on first reading. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Action Items (Final Reading)

- A. *Licensure, Effective Dates, Rule***
- B. *Alternative Preparation for Licensure Policy-Removed from Agenda***
- C. *Types of Licenses and Certificates, Credentials Currently Issued, Rule***
- D. *Alternative Licenses, Interim Licenses, Adjunct Licenses and Permits, Rule***

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved to approve items **IV. A., C. and D.** **Dr. Wright** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows.

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Valerie Rutledge	X		
Sharon Thompson	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Matthew Fillmore	X		

E. ***Tennessee Teacher Licensure Standards, Marketing Education, 7-12***

F. ***Tennessee Teacher Licensure Standards: Special Education, School Speech-Language Pathologist, PreK-12 Alternative Preparation for Licensure Policy-Removed from Agenda***

G. ***Tennessee Teacher Licensure Standards: Special Education, School Speech-Language Therapy Associate, PreK-12***

H. ***Dance Curriculum Standards***

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved to approve items **IV. E. - H.** **Dr. Wright** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows.

Items IV.E. and IV.H.

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Valerie Rutledge	X		
Sharon Thompson	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Matthew Fillmore	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

Items IV.F. and IV.G.

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Jim Ayers	X			
Flavius Barker			X	

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Carolyn Pearre				X
Dick Ray	X			
Jean Anne Rogers	X			
Fielding Rolston	X			
Valerie Rutledge	X			
Sharon Thompson	X			
Melvin Wright	X			
Matthew Fillmore	X			

The motion passed unanimously with abstention from **Vice Chair Pearre** due to a conflict of interest.

I. Weighted Full Time Equivalent Average Daily Attendance Weights

Mr. Fuller presented an update to the weighted full-time equivalent used to determine an LEA's share of local tax dollars collected for education in counties having more than one LEA.

Mr. David Huss, Department of Education, stated that he wished the State could base this on an old foundation formula because of the complexity of funding formulas.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Mr. Ray** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

J. HIV Education Team, Rule

Mr. Rich Haglund, State Board of Education, explained that because students with HIV, HIV-related illnesses or AIDS who may have medical limitations may be eligible for services under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, having a separate HIV evaluation team is unnecessary.

Mr. Ray asked if we knew how many children in Tennessee schools might have HIV, HIV-related illnesses or AIDS. Mr. Haglund said that since there was no reporting requirement, we do not know.

Dr. Wright noted that schools are required to keep any such information confidential.

ACTION: **Dr. Rutledge** moved to approve. **Ms. Thompson** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		

	Yes	No	Absent
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Valerie Rutledge	X		
Sharon Thompson	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Matthew Fillmore	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

K. Charter School Appeal – Hattie Bradley Charter School

Mr. Haglund explained the procedure that brought the appeal before the Board. He noted that Dr. Gray and other community members have been actively engaged in improving education of children in the community and that honoring Ms. Hattie Bradley through a school would be great for the community. However, the application, which was reviewed thoroughly by the Shelby County Schools' Charter School Review Team, suffered from numerous deficiencies. Therefore, Dr. Nixon's recommendation was to affirm the denial of the application.

ACTION: **Dr. Rutledge** moved approval. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Business Technology Education: Computer Operating Systems and Hardware Course

Ms. Cohen stated that this item would align the title and content of the business technology education course (computer operating systems and hardware) with the trade and industrial education course of the same name.

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved approval. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Teacher License Denials

- A. Leslie L. Bailey**
- B. William Ray Gage**
- C. Michael A. Hedrick**
- D. Maurice White, III**
- E. David P. Winter**

Mr. Haglund noted that four of the five licenses were subject to revocation for felony convictions involving assault, sexual battery and statutory rape. The fifth license was subject to revocation following the voluntary surrender of the educator's Kentucky teaching license because of an inappropriate relationship with a student.

Mr. Haglund recommended revocation of all five licenses.

ACTION: **Dr. Rogers** moved to approve items **V.A-E. Vice Chair Pearre** seconded.
A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Valerie Rutledge	X		
Sharon Thompson	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Matthew Fillmore	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Rolston thanked the Board members for their thoughtful deliberations and announced that the Board will meet next on **April 20, 2006** and adjourned the meeting.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____